

Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida

Workshop on Leon County
Community Centers

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Leon County Board of County Commissioners Chambers
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor


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Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Date of Meeting: November 22, 2005

Date Submitted: November 16, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator 
Tony Park, P.E., Public Works Director

Subject: Workshop on Leon County Community Centers and the Associated Policies
and Fees

Statement of Issue:

This workshop is for the purpose of reviewing the proposed policies and fees associated with the County's Division of Parks & Recreation operation of Community Centers (Attachment #1, Attachment #2).

Background:

Historically, Leon County has administered and managed its four community centers through appointed Community Center Boards. Each board was responsible for setting its own policies and fees and for scheduling events. [Existing Policy No 02-6 "County Community Service Facilities" is hereby repealed and superseded, and a new policy is requested to be adopted (Attachment #3).]

The maintenance of the centers was divided between the Division of Parks & Recreation and Facilities Management.

At the July 12, 2005 meeting the Board decided to bring the existing centers and future centers under the Division of Parks & Recreation and to change the Community Center Boards to Community Center Focus Groups (Attachment #4). The Board further requested that the Division of Parks & Recreation set up policies and procedures that would be the same for each center and establish a fee schedule. At the August 30, 2005 meeting, the Board scheduled a workshop for the purpose of reviewing the proposed policies, procedures, and fees.

Analysis:

After review of procedures and policies of the different Community Center Boards and other counties in Florida, the Division of Parks & Recreation developed the attached Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities Policy. While initiated as a result of the new responsibilities associated with the community centers, it should be noted that the proposed policy is designed to cover all Parks & Recreation facilities.

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County staff met with each of the Community Center Board (except for Bradfordville, which did not have a meeting scheduled) to discuss the transition to the Division of Parks & Recreation. At those meetings, the new procedures were discussed in general with the boards. At all meetings the different Community Center Boards supported the County Parks & Recreation managing the Community Centers. County staff took the Community Center Board's recommendations into consideration when drafting the Policies & Procedures.

The following are key points in the proposed policy (numbers at the end of paragraphs refer back to the policy):

- The Centers will continue to be used for community activities, educational classes, family gatherings, meetings, and other activities that provide the needs of the community.
- All existing reservations set prior to the transition will be honored by the County at the fees set forth at that time.
- All fees collected at each Center will be set up in separate accounts for that Center. The Community Center Boards will recommend the expenditures of these accounts. The funds will be used to replace equipment, renovations, and repairs to the Center.
- The Division plans to meet with different community groups at the first of each year so that their dates and times are marked on the calendar schedule prior to opening the facilities for rentals. (4.3)

Some of the major changes that the policy proposes are as follows:

- The County will be renting all Community Centers at ½ day and full day rates. (7.2) In the past, each Community Center has had different lengths of time for rentals.
- The policy will require off duty Leon County Sheriff Deputies for some events that have more than 50 people attending (5.7).
- Any group using a Parks & Recreation site or facility that will have over 50 people attending will require a permit. (7.22)
- The policy provides that for events of 100 or more people, the renter has to provide proof of coverage of General Liability Insurance with limit of \$1,000,000. (8.1) It also provides a means to request a waiver of this insurance by non-profits (8.2).

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- Organizations using the facilities on a regular basis are limited to a two-year duration.(11.6)

In preparation of the proposed fee schedule, included as Attachment #2, staff considered the size of the room, the existing fee schedules of each Community Center and the location of the facility. Deposits, set-up fees, and holiday usage fees, however, are consistent for each facility. In addition, the policy provides a means for fee waivers (5.8).

Staff is recommending that fees be established by resolution of the Board and shall be increased annually on January 1st by the lesser of inflation or 5% (5.9). However, all reservations made prior to February 1, 2006 will be honored at the current rate.

Options:

1. Approve the Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities Policy.
2. Approve the Fee Schedule for each Community Center.
3. Approve the Fees to be set up in Separate Accounts for the use of the Individual Community Centers.
4. Approve Repeal of Policy No. 02-6 "County Community Service Facilities".
5. Do not approve the Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities Policy.
6. Do not approve the Fee Schedule for each Community Center.
7. Do not approve the fees be set up in separate accounts.
8. Do not approve Repeal of Policy No. 02-6.
9. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Options #1, #2 ,#3, #4

Attachments:

1. Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facility Policy
2. Fee Schedule
3. Policy No. 02-6 County Community Service Facilities
4. Board Follow-up for the July 12, 2005 Meeting (Item 37)

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**Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida**

Policy No.

Title: Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities

Date Adopted: _____

Effective Date: _____

Reference: N/A

Policy Superseded: Policy No. 02-6, "County Community Service Facilities," adopted July 9, 2002

It shall be the Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida that:

Policy No. 02-6, adopted July 9, 2002, is hereby repealed and superseded, and a new policy is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to assure that the Parks & Recreation Division facilities are utilized for the recreational, athletic, cultural, educational, social, and community service functions that meet the needs and interest of the community, as well as set clear policies, procedures, and rental fees regarding such uses.
- 1.2 Exclusive use of any resource requires an advance reservation and is subject to rental fees, damage deposits, and staffing fees.

2. Authority

- 2.1 The Division of Parks & Recreation is responsible for developing, communicating, and monitoring policies, procedures, and standards for the use and scheduling of Parks & Recreation facilities.

3. Facilities Available

- 3.1 The Parks & Recreation Division makes available for rent buildings, community centers, picnic shelters, camp sites, and ball fields. Times and dates available are at the discretion of the division.

4. Reservations

- 4.1 Reservations shall be made no more than 365 days and no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date(s) of use. Reservations are guaranteed after all necessary forms and payments are received and approved at the Parks & Recreation Division administrative office located at 2280 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308.
- 4.2 All applicants must be at least 18 years of age or older and must provide proof of residency for priority consideration.
- 4.3 The Parks and Recreation Division reserve the right to set aside certain dates for functions sponsored in part or by Leon County.

5. Fees

- 5.1 Full rental fees, deposits, and permit applications are due at the time of the reservation.
- 5.2 Payment by check, cash, credit card, or money order is required for the building and staff fees.
- 5.3 A security deposit shall be required for any damage/clean-up expense. The deposit will be returned if no damage occurs and the facility is clean after use. The Parks & Recreation Division reserves the right to bill the applicant for additional expenses relating to, but not limited to, janitorial services, maintenance/repair services, staff time, or emergency services that were required as a result of the use.
- 5.4 Checks or money orders must be made payable to the Leon County Board of County Commissioners.
- 5.5 Applicants shall forfeit the rental opportunity if the checks are not honored by the bank. Any future requests will require fees paid by cash or money order only. Applicant will be responsible for bank service fee.

- 5.6 The Parks & Recreation Division may require additional staff for rentals where attendance is expected to exceed 50 people. An off duty sheriff deputy/deputies may also be required at the applicants expense.
- 5.7 The Parks & Recreation Division may require two division representatives for any teen event if the attendance exceeds 50 people. If attendance is greater than 50 people the applicant must hire one (1) off duty Leon County Sheriff deputy for each additional 50 people. The applicant must provide adequate adult supervision at all times (see 7.15). All teen events that occur after 6:00 P.M. will require a deputy.
- 5.8 Request for a waiver of the user fee for non-profit organizations that would like to partner with Leon County must be made in writing at the time of rental request. Included in the request shall be the purpose of the rental activities to be conducted as well as a brief description of the organization, purpose, goals, and pertinent information including the 501 (c) (3) determination letters from the IRS along with the Department of Revenue Consumers Certificate of Exemption.
- Request for a waiver by groups providing education opportunities for citizens and those providing programs for county senior citizens, must be made in writing at the time of rental request. Included in the request shall be the purpose of the rental activities to be conducted as well as a brief description of the purpose, goals, and if the citizens are paying a fee for this activity.
- Based on the information provided, the Director of the Division of Parks & Recreation will make a determination of the eligibility of a waiver.
- 5.9 All fees will be established by resolution of the BOCC. Fees shall be increased annually on January 1st by the lesser of inflation or 5%.

6. Cancellations

- 6.1 Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the Parks & Recreation Division at least seven days in advance of the use date in order to receive a refund. If notice is not received before the seven day period, the rental fee is forfeited. However deposits and staff fees will be refunded. The receipt must be presented for refund to be processed. The refund will be mailed in

approximately four to six weeks. Refund checks will be made out to the entity whose name appears on the payment check and mailed to the address shown on the rental agreement.

7. General Rules and Regulations

- 7.1 Use of the facility is guaranteed for the period specified in the permit, use beyond that period is neither expressly nor implicitly granted. Event set-up and clean-up must be included in the rental period.
- 7.2 The minimum rental period for the building use is ½ day (4 hours).
- 7.3 Building capacities are based on fire safety codes and are not to be exceeded for any reason.
- 7.4 Facilities are to be left in the same conditions as before use. Chairs, tables, and other furnishings are to be returned to their designated place. Floors are to be swept and cleaned if necessary and trash cans are to be emptied. All decorations, fasteners, and other items brought into the facility are to be removed and disposed of properly. Decorations that mar surfaces are not permitted.
- 7.5 Leon County signs, forms, and other materials are not to be removed or altered unless authorized by the division representative in charge.
- 7.6 The Leon County Parks & Recreation Division will not be responsible for providing or supervising any specialized equipment such as cooking equipment, storage, sound reproduction or amplification equipment, stages, platforms, special lighting equipment, film projecting apparatus, power extension cords, or any other specialized equipment. The division representative in charge may disallow the use of specialized equipment for safety reasons or to ensure division policy is followed. The number of tables and chairs provided are limited to the number on site and available. Any additional tables and chairs are the responsibility of the applicant.
- 7.7 The Leon County Parks & Recreation Division shall not be held responsible for loss or injury incurred in the use of the facility if said loss or injury is a result of circumstances beyond the control of Leon County or its officers or agents. It is incumbent upon the user to ensure that all normal safety practices are observed.

Dangerous undertakings are strictly prohibited. All accidents or injuries must be reported to a division representative immediately.

- 7.8 Use of the facility involving the sale of tickets, raffles, charges, amusement rides, inflatable amusements, contest for which tickets must be purchased, benefits and fundraising activities, drives, etc., must be approved in writing by the Parks & Recreation Division Director before the event.
- 7.9 The division representative that may be present during the use period shall ensure the facility is open on time, clean and orderly, and the facility is used safely and properly. In no way is the division representative an employee or agent of the applicant.
- 7.10 Alcohol is not permitted on Parks & Recreation Division property. Tobacco products are not permitted inside Parks & Recreation Division facilities. Weapons are not permitted on County property.
- 7.11 Vending of any merchandise is not permitted without written permission from the Parks & Recreation Division Director.
- 7.12 No fireworks are permitted.
- 7.13 No fires are allowed except in provided barbeque grills and pits.
- 7.14 Individual minors or groups of minors must be properly supervised by adults when using park facilities. Groups composed of minors, including teen events, must be supervised by one (1) adult for each fifteen (15) minors throughout the rental period.
- 7.15 Any person or group in violation of the established rules and regulations, established laws, or constituting a public nuisance, may be required to leave the facility and premises. In addition, the Parks & Recreation Division representative may cancel the rental and be deny any future rentals (see 9.6).
- 7.16 Applicants' reserved areas are those specifically designated in the permit. Other buildings, rooms, playfields, courts may be scheduled by other participants or remain open to the general public. Applicants are required to have the permit in their possession throughout the rental period.
- 7.17 Permits/reservations cannot be transferred, assigned, or sub-let to any other group or organization for any reason.

- 7.18 Animals, except service animals, are not allowed in Parks & Recreation Division buildings.
- 7.19 The applicant is responsible for all actions, behavior and damages caused by his/her guests/attendees.
- 7.20 Structures that require installation of poles, wires, wood supports, etc. must have prior approved by the Division Director or his representative.
- 7.21 Picnic shelters must be occupied by the applicant or its designee by 11:00 am the day of the rental.
- 7.22 Group activities that involve 50+ people attending or participating will require a permit from the Division of Parks & Recreation for use of any park or recreation facility or site. Such permit shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 90 days prior to the event.

8. Insurance

- 8.1 Any event or rental that will have more than one hundred people participating in the event will have to have an original Certificate of Insurance providing proof of general liability and property damage insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and listing Leon County as an additional insured during the term of the permit. The Parks & Recreation Director reserves the right to require this insurance certificate for any event if he determines it is in the best interest of Leon County. Such insurance documentation shall be provided prior to approval of the facility rental.
- 8.2 Request for a waiver of general liability insurance for non-profit organizations must be made in writing at the time of the rental request.

Based on the information provided, the Director of the Division of Parks & Recreation will make a determination of the eligibility of a waiver.

9. Denial of Rental

The Parks & Recreation Division reserves the right to refuse use of facilities based on the following criteria:

- 9.1 The facility is not available for the requested date and time. This would include events that conflict with Parks & Recreation Division events, conflicts with County government or related business, or if the facility is already rented.
- 9.2 Uses deemed potentially damaging to the facility.
- 9.3 There are simultaneous non-compatible uses of adjacent facilities.
- 9.4 The proposed activity violates Federal, State, or Local Laws.
- 9.5 Potential noise or sound levels deemed to be disruptive and offensive to surrounding neighborhoods and to the comfort of guest or facility visitors.
- 9.6 Individuals or groups that have demonstrated in previous rentals with the Parks & Recreation Division or other entities not to be in the best interest of Leon County. This may include but not limited to, non-payment, improper use, damage, failure to adequately control participants or spectators, breach of contract, non-compliance of rules, or inaccurate information provided on the application.
- 9.7 Activities that, due to traffic or congestion, would cause access problems for scheduled events or the surrounding community.
- 9.8 Activities which are offensive to the accepted community standards.
- 9.9 Activities that is discriminatory in nature in matters such as sex, race, religion, creed, color, or national origin.
- 9.10 Activities which are incompatible with Leon County mission to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

10. Use of facilities by Leon County Board employees

- 10.1 Employees and employee organizations shall be permitted to use County facilities on the same basis, and subject to the same conditions that apply to the general public. However, such use shall be limited to the extent that it does not conflict with the best interest of the county, and that the facility is not required for the use of the county, government, or other related businesses.

11. Request to use a Recreation Center by Organizations on a regular bases

- 11.1 The main Parks & Recreation office should verify the availability of the facility.
- 11.2 The Parks & Recreation Division will provide the representative with a Licensing Agreement Request Form. Upon completion of the form, it should be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Director at 2280 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. A copy of the organization's 501 (c) (3) needs to be included in order for them to be tax exempt. The group will be required to pay building rental fees.
- 11.3 Once approval or denial is given, a letter and licensing agreement are sent to the organization with copies to the Community Center Supervisor, the park's file and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Team.
- 11.4 If approval is given, the organization makes all arrangements with the Community Center Supervisor for use of the facility. A copy of the organization's Tax Exempt form needs to accompany each payment or be on file if taxes have been waived.
- 11.5 Organizations are only authorized to use County facilities during Sunday morning hours. The County reserve the afternoons and evenings for family gatherings, community usage, etc. Special requests must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Division Director.
- 11.6 An organization is allowed to use the facility for 12 months with no more than two six-month extensions.
- 11.7 The Parks & Recreation Division reserves the right to deny the usage of a facility based on staff recommendation.
- 11.8 Organizations are not allowed to store equipment/items at the facilities.
- 11.9 Organizations are not allowed to decorate facility with their literature.
- 11.10 The Parks & Recreation Division reserves the right to cancel the agreement at any time due to non-payment, not complying with rules and regulations, or misuse of the facility.

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FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS

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General--All Centers

Deposit	\$ 50.00
Holiday Additional Fee	\$ 50.00
Set Up and Take Down (Optional Fee)	\$ 40.00

Miccosukee Community Center

Existing Fees		Recommended	
Rental	\$ 35.00	1/2 Day	\$ 50.00
		Per Day	\$ 100.00
Deposit	\$ 15.00		

Bradfordville

Existing Fees		Recommended	
5 hours or less	\$ 30.00	1/2 Day	\$ 50.00
Per Day	\$ 50.00	Per Day	\$ 100.00
Two Days	\$ 75.00		
Holiday/Weekend	\$ 100.00		
Deposit	\$ 50.00		

Chaires-Capitola Community Center

Existing Fees		Recommended	
Per Day Per Room	\$ 100.00	1/2 Center for 1/2 Day	\$ 75.00
		1/2 Center Per Day	\$ 100.00
Entire Center 5 hours or less	\$ 75.00	Entire Center for 1/2 Day	\$ 100.00
Entire Center Per Day	\$ 125.00	Entire Center Per Day	\$ 150.00
Entire Center Holidays	\$ 150.00		
Two Days Per Room	\$ 125.00		
Entire Center 2 days	\$ 200.00		
Deposit	\$ 100.00		

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Fort Braden Community Center

Existing Fees		Recommended	
Entire Center		Entire Center	
2 hours or less	\$ 25.00	1/2 Day	\$ 150.00
3-5 hours	\$ 50.00	Entire Day	\$ 200.00
Over 5 hours	\$ 100.00		
Two Days	\$ 175.00	No Two Day Discount	
Smaller Rooms		Smaller Rooms	
Have not been rented		1/2 Day	\$ 50.00
		Per Day	\$ 100.00
Deposit			
25 people or less	\$ 25.00		
50-75 people	\$ 50.00		

Woodville Community Center

Existing Fees		Recommended	
None		<u>Meeting Room</u>	
		1/2 Room for 1/2 Day	\$ 75.00
		1/2 Room for Entire Day	\$ 100.00
		Entire Room for 1/2 Day	\$ 150.00
		Entire Room All Day	\$ 200.00

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**Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida**

Policy No. 02 - 6

Title: County Community Service Facilities

Date Adopted: July 9, 2002

Effective Date: July 9, 2002

Reference: N/A

Policy Superseded: Policy No. 79-8, "County Community Service Facility," adopted September 25, 1979; Policy No. 92-10 amended 10/27/92; and Policy No. 94-3, amended April 26, 1994

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that:

Policy No. 94-3, amended April 26, 1994, is hereby repealed and superseded, and a new policy is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

1. Each and every County Community Service Facility, hereinafter referred to as "Center," shall be operated for the primary purpose of making the center available to civic, fraternal, governmental, religious, political and charitable groups and organizations. It is not the purpose of the County to make the center available to any person, group of persons, or organizations for personal gain or private profit. The net proceeds from any and all fees or assessments shall be used for some recognized community purpose or project or for the use and benefit of an organization recognized as carrying on worthy community projects.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, shall establish a Board of Directors for each center and designate such Board as the County's Agent to be in charge of the operation of the center. The directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners; shall have only those duties and responsibilities set forth herein; and shall comply with the provisions of Board of County Commissioners Policy No. 93-48, "Volunteer Boards and Committees."
3. All requests for use of the center shall be directed to the Board of Directors, which Board shall make the center available on an equal basis to all persons, groups and organizations desiring use of the same, with no regard as to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or political affiliation, for the purposes set forth herein.

4. The Board of Directors shall establish operational rules and procedures which shall not be in conflict with any provision contained herein, or in conflict with any provision contained in Board of County Commissioners Policy No. 93-48, "Volunteer Boards and Committees," and which shall facilitate the purpose of the center.
5. The Board of Directors shall establish user fees which shall be sufficient to defray the cost of operation and maintenance of the center. The Board of Directors will be responsible for maintaining the Center in good functional order, clean and presentable.
6. The Board of Directors shall submit annual written "income and expenditure" reports to the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, and shall expend any surplus over the cost of operation and maintenance only upon specific approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
7. Any user of the center shall not be allowed to carry on any activity, conduct any business, make any sales, nor allow any activity, business or sales requiring any license or permit unless such license or permit shall have first been obtained or secured.
8. The County shall not be liable for any injuries or damage, or claim therefor. Any user may provide such insurance at the user's own cost and expense.
9. The Board of Directors has the right to refuse rental to any person, group or organization at any time when such rental would be contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with use of said building for governmental, civic or community project purposes.
10. The Board of County Commissioners shall review and approve the rules and procedures established by the Board of Directors and any changes or amendments thereto. No rule or procedure shall be enforced unless it receives prior approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida.
11. Prior to use of the center by any person, group or organization, an authorized representative of such user shall acknowledge receipt of a copy of the rules and procedures.
12. No center shall be used for any illegal activity. Violators of this provision shall be prosecuted and any person, group or organization convicted of utilizing any center for any illegal activity shall be prohibited from further use of any center.
13. Any modification, renovation, addition or deletion to the centers shall first be approved by the Director of Facilities Management.
14. A list of members of the Board of Directors and a copy of the rules and procedures shall be posted in each center.

15. In the case of the Miccosukee Community Service facility, pursuant to the Deed of Conveyance to Leon County of July 1957, the Board of County Commissioners hereby acknowledges that the Home Demonstration Club of Miccosukee has the primary right to use the Center so long as that use does not conflict with the use of the Center for official County purposes.
16. The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida shall on a quarterly basis reimburse each Community Center 75% of their actual utility costs.

from owner and extend counteroffer in the amount of \$149,200 \$175,000 for property located at 2025 Harriet Drive, as part of the Harbinwood Estates Drainage Improvements Project counteroffer.

The Board continued discussion regarding: whether the Goldens submitted their own appraisal; calculating the amount of counteroffer; the number of homes needed to be purchased for the project (response – a total of six), the amount of money available for the purchases, and if the County will run short of dollars; and, whether or not this will set a precedent for property owners to bypass staff and come directly to Board.

Commissioner Grippa moved a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to make a counteroffer of \$149,200 plus 15% annual increase, which totals \$168,500.

The Goldens stated they would accept this offer.

The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Rackleff opposed.

Staff: Public Works/Engineering – Tony Park/Joe Brown

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (6-minute limit; non-discussion by Commission)

Speakers:

- Ms. Dot Spence – asked Commissioners: 1) why make rules and regulations and then not follow them, and 2) isn't there any concern about the buildings built by the County. She informed the Board that there is a leak in the janitor's closet at the Chaires Community Center.

Staff: Management Services/Facilities Management

- Mr. Bennie Woodlief – spoke in support of building a branch library in Woodville to provide residents with access to computers, computer classes, Storytime program, etc.

General Business

- Item 37 Consideration of Operational Alternatives for the County's Community Centers
(County Administration – Vincent Long/Ken Morris)

The County Administrator summarized the agenda item and explained that the agenda item included two issues: 1) the possible alternatives of transitioning Board-appointed recreation councils and community centers' board of directors, and 2) the staff report on the Board's concerns regarding the operation of the Miccosukee Community Center.

Ken Morris, Special Projects Coordinator, presented the staff review on the concerns and allegations regarding the Miccosukee Community Center.

There was considerable Board discussion.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, seconded by Commissioner Grippa, to approve Options #1 as revised, #2, and #3:

1. Adopt the focus group advisory committee model for community center citizen committees and recreation councils.
2. Approve the creation of one FTE and a proposed operating and capital budget totaling \$71,000 under the Parks and Recreation Division.
3. Accept report on the Miccosukee Community Center

Speakers:

- Carmen Rogers- stated that the issue in Miccosukee has always been about the building.
- Cheryl Gratt – talked about courtesy between residents and Commissioners.
- Ronald Prescha – spoke in support of present use of community center but stated there needed to be a place for the education program.
- Aldonia Flowers – encouraged Miccosukee residents to work together.
- Mary Young – responded to the article regarding the Miccosukee Community Center.
- David Hall – stated the Miccosukee community must work together.
- Rosa German – spoke regarding Miccosukee community.
- Tameka German – stated that there is a need for a multi-purpose community center.
- Gary Gratt – stated he would like the Board to communicate with Miccosukee community on future plans

Commissioner Proctor moved a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Grippa, to exempt programs for kids and seniors from paying rent at community centers.

Commissioners stated it is better to wait for staff to bring back “package” to Board for consideration, rather than include exemptions piecemeal.

Commissioner Grippa withdrew his second; the substitute motion fails for lack of a second.

Commissioners Grippa and Proctor support building a new community center in Miccosukee.

The Board directed staff to draft a Policy regarding the use, rental fees, rules and regulations for the operation of recreation councils and community centers and bring back to the Board for consideration.

The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

Staff: County Administration/Special Projects Coordinator – Vincent Long/Ken Morris

~~Item 38 Consideration of Public Safety Coordinating Council's Recommendation to Fund "Mothers In Crisis" for Fiscal Year 04/05 and Fund "Team Child" for Fiscal Year 05/06~~